



**SUMMARY OF NOTES FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, January 21, 2015

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK TO ENTIRE MEETING. (15-0419)

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Call to Order. (14-5513)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Staff, called roll and noted that a quorum was not established.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost,
Commissioner Carlos Benavides, Commissioner John R. James,
Commissioner Steve Miller and Commissioner Alexia Teran

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Sheila
D. Wright

Excused: 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Treasurer Winslow C.
Reitnouer, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner
Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2014 (Continued from the meetings of 10/15/14, 11/19/14 and 12/17/14). (14-4171)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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2. Receive and file the Summary of Notes from the meeting of October 15, 2014. (Continued from the meeting of 11/19/14 and 12/17/14) (14-5276)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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3. Receive and file the Summary of Notes from the meeting of November 19, 2014. (14-5505)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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4. Receive and file the Summary of Notes from the meeting of December 17, 2014. (14-5507)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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5. Receive and File Trust Fund Balance Report as submitted by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer. (Continued from the meeting of 12/17/14) (14-5676)

In the absence of Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Emma De Jesus, Commission staff re-read the Trust Fund Balance Report.

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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II. REPORTS

6. Receive and File President's Report for January 2015. (14-5514)

President Janet A. Neal thanked those who participated in the December Open House. She noted the Events Committee also met briefly in December.

She reported that a follow-up letter regarding quorum had been drafted to address those that did not respond or have responded but are not attending Commission meetings.

President Janet A. Neal stated the Executive Committee has been reviewing the Commission ByLaws. She added that a future agenda item will include a recommendation from the Committee to revise the Declaration of Candidacy be completed in its entirety.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission.

- 7. Receive and File Monthly staff report by Emma De Jesus. (14-5638)**

Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, referred Commissioners to the Mileage Reimbursement memo from the Department of Human Resources. The Memo indicated the increase of the mileage rate to .54 cents and requested Commissioners renew their Certification of Receipt. She also reported Commissioner Kecia Weller of the Third Supervisorial District had submitted her resignation.

Commissioners Alexia Teran and Carlos Benavides provided input on quorum concerns. During discussion, staff was requested to provide Commissioner Benavides with an attendance report for the last two years. He will work with Commissioners and if necessary speak to each District office to gain some resolution towards a quorum.

Members of the public, Dr. Genevieve Clavreul and Daniel Garcia also addressed the Commission regarding quorum.

After discussion, Ms. De Jesus added the Sunset Review for the Commission will be due April 2015 and requested Commissioners provide staff with any accomplishments they may have had regarding the Commission.

- 8. Receive and File the Monthly Reports by Standing Committees:**
Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost
Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal (14-5515)

Education

Chair John B. Troost wrote a letter and invited Dr. Joseph Rivera, Ed.D. from the Office of Education to speak before the Commission on Early Education.

During discussion, Commissioner Steve Miller requested the Commission review the Liaison Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation regarding processes for Department Heads to speak before the Commission. He requested staff provide him with a status on a letter or procedures that followed their recommendation. He noted there should have been a letter drafted by President Neal to the Board on the recommended procedures and that those processes need to be in place to assure Department Heads report before the Commission on developments that speak on the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During discussion, Commissioner Carlos Benavides added there should be a clear direction from the Commission as a whole.

Commissioner Miller concluded discussion by requesting staff include the Liaison Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation on the next Commission agenda.

Events

Chair Janet A. Neal reported the ADA25 Access Reception was a success and she would like to start working on the next event soon to allow more time for socialization and exchange of ideas and information with past attendees.

Transportation

Chair Janet A. Neal requested staff obtain the newspaper article from the LA Times that Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer spoke of. The article addresses the South Los Angeles sidewalk repairs paid with discretionary fund of Los Angeles City Councilman Bernard Parks. She also requested staff invite Board Chair Rick Watts of the City of Hollywood Disabilities Advisory Board to speak before the Commission.

Louis Burns reported that taxi coupons were shared and used mostly by non-profit organizations. Chair Janet A. Neal also reported that she received information on the restrictions for utilizing taxi coupons which is used for going only to doctor's appointments. She suggested that taxi coupons be universally available to everybody, or all types of riders. Mr. Burns also reported that there were taxi coupons that can be provided to customers by the Hunters Organization.

Housing

In the absence of Chair Wendy Welt Narro, President Janet A. Neal reported the City of Los Angeles Commission Housing Project was developed to assist homeless disabled veterans, but noted it should have been for all homeless and disabled and not just for veterans. She requested staff contact and invite representatives from the United Way and the Maravilla Foundation to speak on homelessness at a future meeting. She added there are more apartments and more facilities to house mentally ill persons than there are for people with disabilities.

Recreation

Chair Janet A. Neal reported that the City of Los Angeles is participating in the upcoming Special Olympic Games in July-August 2015. Commissioner Teran inquired if the County was participating.

9. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors, meeting of January 2015. (14-5517)

The Access Services Board of Directors report was received by the Commission without discussion.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission.

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10. Receive and File the Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-5518)

Louis Burns reported Access Services is working on a review of their dynamic fare rate system. This review will address the differences in fare rates when trips need adjustments. Additionally, they are reviewing the "No Show" policy. These issues are also being brought for discussion at community meetings, so that the public can provide a perspective from the community.

Commissioner Carlos Benavides commented on training and the monitoring of drivers during training. Mr. Burns responded that he has been working with Metro and Access Services regarding training for drivers to address various disabilities. He will report back to the Commission on how this will be addressed by Access Services. They are also currently reviewing their "Origin to Destination" policy and procedures. A study is being done to review the problems drivers have when asked to assist passengers from their house to the vehicles as vehicles cannot be left unattended.

Commissioners Miller and Teran inquired about the steady ride waiting list. In response to their questions, Mr. Burns noted riders should allow for modified time on their travel.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on the effects of increasing and decreasing of gas prices to fare prices.

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission, to encouraged a vote on AB23 on affordable gas prices.

- 11. Receive and File the Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (15-0018)**

Giovanna Gogreve reported the Origin to Destination finding as follows:

- a) Services door to door**
- b) Services curve to curve**
- c) A combination of door to door and curve to curve services**

She explained the "Origin Order Destination" idea is an effort to provide service upon request by people with disabilities for personal assistance from the door of residence to the door of destination.

Ms. Gogreve also reported that Metro is working to partner with other agencies during the 25th Anniversary celebration of Americans with Disabilities Act. She also reported that Metro will be participating in the Special Olympic Games. Commissioner Miller will provide her with direct contact information that will assist Metro in the coordination of transportation.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on door-to-door policy.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on the gentlemen at Metro for providing good customer service and courtesy on buses.

After discussion, President Janet A. Neal thanked Ms. Gogreve for her informative report.

12. Discussion and consideration of action of letter in support of Community Based services as drafted by Commissioner Steve Miller. (Continued from the meeting of 11/19/14) (14-5130)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 18, 2015.

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13. Discussion and consideration of action regarding the impact of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) has on people living with disabilities as submitted by Commissioner Edward A. Colley (Continued from the meetings of 06/18/14, 8/20/14, 9/17/14, 10/15/14). (13-4719)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of February 18, 2015.

14. Receive and file Commissioner Announcements for January 2015. (15-0024)

Commissioner Alexia Teran shared a newspaper report from the Northeast Sun dated January 15, 2015 regarding the proposed merger of the County Public Health, Mental Health and Health Services Departments. Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, will provide Commissioner Teran a copy of the Board meeting Statement of Proceedings once it becomes available.

Commissioner Teran announced she will be participating at the Peace March of the Northeast on April 18, 2015 and requested staff provide her with goodie bags, the Commission banner and brochures for her to take to the event.

Commissioner Carlos Benavides announced the Ability Festival event to be held on Saturday, January 24, 2015 and Sunday, January 25, 2015 in Long Beach at the Aquarium of the Pacific and encouraged Commissioners to attend.

III. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

15. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-0021)

There were no matters to report.

Public Comment

16. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-0022)

Linda Block, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on Medicare, Social Security Disability cuts, and Obamacare.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on care for people with disabilities.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on his goal to run for an office at the Los Angeles City Council, 12th District to support affordable home, accessible transportation, sidewalk repair and the integration of disabled community activities.

Adjournment

17. Adjournment for the meeting of January 21, 2015. (15-0023)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Louis Cummings' mother.